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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE NEW TURN IN DRAFT DECLARATION OF
MASS MEDIA ISSUE

REF: PARIS 27570

1. INFORMATION GROUP MET AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 23 TO DIS-
CUSS MASS MEDIA ISSUE.

2. ON THE US-FRG DRAFTS. IT WAS AGREED BY CONSENSUS
THAT THE US AND FRG SHOULD WORK JOINTLY, PREFERABLY IN
BONN, TO DEVELOP A SINGLE TEXT. OTHER MEMBERS OF
INFORMATION GROUP (IG) WERE ASKED TO SUBMIT, IN
SITING, ANY COMMENTS ON EITHER DRAFT. THESE WOULD BE
REFERRED TO EXPERTS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PREPARATION OF
JOINT TEXT. JOINT TEXT WOULD THEN BE REPORTED BACK
TO IG FOR CONSENSUS AGREEMENT.

3. IG ALSO DISCUSSED TACTICS. IT WAS AGREED THAT
TACTIC WILL STILL BE TO KEEP ITEM AWAY FROM DISCUSSION
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AND TO PUT OFF UNTIL AFTER GEN CONF.

4. RECOMMENDATION: PERMDEL RECOMMENDS THAT US AND FRG WORK OUT DETAILS OF JOINT DRAFT. MEETING WOULD BEST BE IN BONN. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS WITH FRG DELEGATION HERE AND THEY ARE IN COMPLETE ACCORD. THEY WILL ALERT BONN TO EXPECT CONTACT FROM U.S.

5. TUNISIAN DRAFT DR. SEVERAL GROUP MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY VAN USSEL OF BELGIUM, VOICED POSSIBILITY THAT THERE MAY BE LINK BETWEEN MASS MEDIA DECLARATION AND TUNISIAN DR, SEE REFTEL. CORRIDOR TALK IS THAT IT MAY BE OFFERED BY SOME AFRICAN STATES AS ALTERNATIVE TO DECEMBER DRAFT DECLARATION, WHICH DG AND A NUMBER OF AFRICAN STATES WOULD LIKE TO SEE ABORT AT GEN COMF. THIS VIEW WAS STRENGTHENED BY UNCONFIRMED VIEW THAT AFRICAN CAUCUS HAD LIKELY HAND IN DRAFTING TUNISIAN DR. TUNISIAN DR MAY THEN REPLACE MASS MEDIA DECLARATION AS MAJOR CONFERENCE COMMUNICATION ISSUE.

6. CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY THAT TUNISIAN DR MAY BE OFFERED AS ALTERNATIVE TO DECEMBER DRAFT DECLARATION AND TO IG'S OWN DRAFT PROPOSAL, WHICH MEMBERS EMPHASIZED WAS TO BE USED ONLY IN EVENT THAT PROCEDURAL EFFORTS TO HEAD OFF DEBATE FAIL, IG MEMBERS WERE URGED TO TAKE OWN SOUNDINGS ON THIS POSSIBILITY AND REPORT FINDINGS AT NEXT MEETING.

7. IG MEMBERS ALSO DISCUSSED NEED FOR GROUP MEETINGS DURING GEN CONF. SWEDISH DELEGATION POINTED OUT THAT IG IS ONLY POLITICAL GROUP WHICH HAS NOT YET PROVIDED ITSELF WITH MEETING FACILITIES, AND THAT OTHER BLOCS AND GROUPINGS HAD PERMANENT SECRETARIATS, ETC. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT OTHER GROUPS WERE MORE SUCCESSFUL AT LAST GEN CONF BECAUSE THEY WERE BETTER ORGANIZED. SWISS AND NORDIC DELEGATIONS URGED THAT GROUP TAKE ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS INTO CONSIDERATION. CONCLUSION WAS REACHED THAT CHAIRMAN OF NEXT SESSION, AMBASSADOR CARDUCCI, ITALY, PRESENT PROPOSAL FOR PROVIDING TECHNICAL BACKUP IN NAIROBI SO THAT IG CAN MEET LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REGULARLY.

8. NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 4.
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